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In the Claims

Claims 1-3 (canceled)

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4. (currently amended) ~~The method for generating an electronic mail message containing simulated human handwriting of claim 3;~~ A method for generating an electronic mail message containing simulated handwriting, comprising the steps of:

accessing a website having a user interface;

entering a text message through the user interface;

creating a graphic image of simulated handwriting that corresponds to the text message;

and

specifying one or more formatting parameters;

wherein the specifying step includes choosing a pen type; and

wherein the pen types include ballpoint, felt-tip and calligraphic.

5. (currently amended) ~~The method for generating an electronic mail message containing simulated human handwriting of claim 2;~~ A method for generating an electronic mail message containing simulated handwriting, comprising the steps of:

accessing a website having a user interface;

entering a text message through the user interface;

creating a graphic image of simulated handwriting that corresponds to the text message;

and

specifying one or more formatting parameters;

wherein the specifying step includes choosing a degree of messiness.

Claim 6 (canceled)

7. (currently amended) ~~The method for generating an electronic mail message containing simulated human handwriting of claim 2;~~ A method for generating an electronic mail message containing simulated handwriting, comprising the steps of:

accessing a website having a user interface;

entering a text message through the user interface;

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creating a graphic image of simulated handwriting that corresponds to the text message;  
and  
specifying one or more formatting parameters;  
wherein the specifying step includes choosing between a wandering text baseline and a straight text baseline.

Claim 8 (canceled)

9. (currently amended) ~~The method for generating an electronic mail message containing simulated human handwriting of claim 8;~~ A method for generating an electronic mail message containing simulated handwriting, comprising the steps of:

accessing a website having a user interface;  
entering a text message through the user interface;  
creating a graphic image of simulated handwriting that corresponds to the text message;  
and  
specifying one or more formatting parameters;  
wherein the specifying step includes choosing a handwriting script; and  
wherein the creating step includes:  
accessing a database containing the chosen handwriting script;  
selecting letter shapes from the handwriting script database that correspond to the text message;  
joining the letters shapes;  
drawing the strokes to create the graphic image.

10. (original) The method for generating an electronic mail message containing simulated human handwriting of claim 9, wherein the graphic image is a high-resolution image.

11. (original) The method for generating an electronic mail message containing simulated human handwriting of claim 10, further comprising the step of reducing the high-resolution image to a more compact low-resolution image through an anti-aliasing procedure.

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